

that it spells out exactly where the revenue comes from. It spells out exactly, it shows you who is going to pay. You have the ability to use those services in many cases or not use those services. Services amount to roughly about a fifth of the overall funding in this bill. They are not tremendous. The reason for the services are this, the reason they are selected are this. Frankly, many of them did not exist at the time sales tax was put in place in the late sixties in this state. They were not given the opportunity to fend for an exemption. They, in essence, were grandfathered in because they were created, came of age after the tax was in place. So they were exempted out just by virtue of the fact that they didn't exist at the time. This is probably the first time that they have had the opportunity to get their chance to say yea or nay with regard to whether they should be taxed. In the State of Nebraska, we currently tax 40 services, 40 services are taxed. The argument has been that this is bad for the economy. I guess, you know, we go back and we look at the...we have things such as diaper services that are taxed, commercial art and graphic design, commercial linen supply, credit information, credit bureaus, photocopying, photofinishing, printing, software package or canned programs, software modification, software custom programming, software professional services, parimutuel racing events, admissions to all these various areas. There are 11 of them that are listed there that are covered under services. Personal property, short-term lease, long-term lease is subject to a service tax; bulldozers, drag lines, construction machinery, all those are subject to a service tax. Short-term automobile rental, rental of hand tools, limousine service, aircraft rental to individual pilots, short term and long term, overnight motels, hotels, trailer parks, fabrication and installation repair services, service contracts sold at the time of the purchase, welding labor and other items, for a total of 40 things that we tax in this state that are called and considered services. It is not a new creation, it is not a new beast, and it makes up a very small portion of this proposal. But the argument is...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: ...that it's a service tax proposal. The last thing I will say is that the time is now. The time is now more than any other time because, ladies and gentlemen, the Revenue Forecasting Board is going to meet real shortly and they're going to come out and tell us that we need more revenue. We